

MEMORANDUM TO: J. Patrick Coyne  
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Requested Ideas on Continental  
Air Defense Attack Warning and Action Channels

Attached hereto are copies of the material which I  
described in our telephone conversation of 16 December.  
They represent some of our ideas on the relationship of  
Intelligence to the Continental Air Defense problem.

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## Continental Air Defense Attack Warning and Action Chart

Condition of Emergency	II. Definition	III. Channelling	IV. Evaluation and Notification	V. Action	VI. Public Announcement
Continental Defense Emergency	1. Receipt of evaluated National Intelligence warning	By the receiving IAC agency, or RAC element, to the AIC for the IAC Watch Committee, and the AIC	Preliminary evaluation by initial departmental or agency, recipient; complete evaluation by IAC Watch Committee on basis integration all available intelligence and information and, subsequently, when appropriate, by the IAC; JCI presentation thereof to the President and NSC	Decision of the President as to execution of the White House Emergency Plan, relaxation of executive Branch personnel having essential wartime functions, notification to JCSA head- quarters, and proclamation of civil defense emergency; subsequent declaration of "Military Emergency" by JCS, thereby initiating, among other actions, a state of Air Defense Readiness (a condition of higher than ordinary combat preparedness) and notification thereof to selected NSA centers in ad- vance of advice resulting from Presidential decision	As directed by the President
	A condition, determined by the President, or JCS, of imminent hos- tilities involving the US or allies, originat- ing in one of two ways:  2. Declaration of air defense readiness (a condition of higher than ordinary combat preparedness) by CADC on the basis of credible information received from [ ] and/or the operation of the Air Defense System [ ] [ ]	By CADC as an action message to the JCS and the President, and as informa- tion to the AIC for the IAC Watch Committee if the time between the declaration of Air Defense Readiness and expected attack is short; if time is not critical as above (By CADC to the JCS, thence to the AIC for the IAC Watch Committee etc.)	If time is critical, eval- uation to fullest possible extent by JCS and J/I B-2F; JCS presentation thereof to the President in presence of available RAC members; if time not critical as above, (from JCS to AIC for Watch Committee etc.)  25X1 25X1 25X1	If time is critical, JCS orders declaration military emergency, execution White House Emergency Plan and relaxation essential Execu- tive Branch personnel (CADC notification JCS direct); if time not critical as above (Presidential decision, JCS implementation etc.)	As directed by the President

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